

TRI-COUNTY SOCCER RULES AND REGULATIONS 2009 SEASON

- ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION RULES WILL APPLY EXCEPT WHERE HEREIN CHANGED, (EACH COORDINATOR OF THE TRI-COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE HAS BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF THIS BOOK, PLEASE READ IT.
- (THESE RULES ARE IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE REFEREES, THE PLAYERS, FANS AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME.)
- EACH COACH IS TO MAINTAIN CROWD CONTROL OF THEIR FANS.GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS TAUGHT BY US THE ADULTS
- OBSCENITIES AND RACIAL SLURS ARE COMPLETELY FORBIDDEN,THE PLAYER WILL BE RED CARDED AND REMOVED FROM THE FIELD.
- CROWDS ARE TO BE HONORABLE AND POLITE AT ALL TIMES, NO COACH, FAN, OR PLAYER IS TO INTERFERE OR HARASS THE REFS IN ANY FORM.
- FANS ARE NOT PERMITTED ANY CLOSER THAN 10 FEET FROM THE SIDELINES AND NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED BEHIND THE GOALS OR GOAL LINES (END LINES). NO FANS BEHIND TEAMS.
- ALCOHOL IS FORBIDDEN AT TRI-COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE GAMES. TEAMS WILL BE FORCED TO FORFEIT THE GAME!!!
- **THERE WILL BE EQUAL TEAM PLAY – PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LOADING TEAMS FOR THE SAKE OF WINNING!! IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DIVIDE PLAYERS EQUALLY BY AGE GRADE.**

PLAYER EQUIPMENT RULES

- ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR SHIN GUARDS AND HAVE THEM ENTIRELY COVERED WITH SOCKS.
- ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SOCCER ONLY ALLOWS SOCCER SHOES BE WORN. (PLEASE NO BALL CLEATS.)

TEAM COLORS

1. St Rose – Red
2. Trenton – Orange and Black
3. Breese – Black and White
4. Lebanon – Purple
5. Salem - Gray
6. Carlyle – Yellow
7. Germantown- Gold, Red, Black
8. Ablers – Light Blue
9. Aviston –Dark Blue
10. Shiloh- Burgundy
11. Centralia – Bright Blue
12. New Baden-Royal Blue
13. Okawville- Orange
14. Highland – Lime Green

- *HOME TEAM WILL CHANGE JERSEY IF THERE IS A CONFLICT. PLEASE CHECK THE TEAM LIST FOR OPPONENT'S COLOR, COORDINATORS, PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR COACHES. IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT TEAMS HAVE NUMBERED JERSEYS, JUST THE SAME COLOR. GOALIE MUST WEAR DIFFERENT COLORS THAN BOTH TEAMS.
- *TEAM ROSTERS ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY GRADE LEVEL IN SCHOOL.
- *A PLAYER IS PERMITTED TO PLAY FOR AN OLDER TEAM BUT NOT FOR A YOUNGER ONE. **If a gender specific team needs player they must pull up that gender. Girls can be presently rostered on boys teams.**
- **ABSOLUTLY NO SLIDE TACKLES – PLAYER WILL RECEIVE A RED CARD. THIS INCLUDES NO SLIDE KICKS IN OPEN FIELDS.
- *PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO PLAY FOR ONLY ONE TEAM IN THEIR GRADE LEVEL.
- *A PLAYER RED CARDED CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR, TEAMS DO NOT PLAY SHORT, BUT THAT PLAYER MAY NOT PLAY ANYMORE FOR THAT GAME.
- *GOALIES NEED NOT REPORT TO REFS, BUT CAN BE SUBSTITUTED ONLY WHEN THERE IS A STOP IN PLAY. (PLEASE TRY TO MAKE THIS TRANSITION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
- RAINOUT RULE: RULE 7 – 2 ARTICLE #3:
- IN THE EVENT A GAME MUST BE SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS, WHICH MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE PLAY, THE HEAD REFEREE SHALL DECLARE IT AN OFFICIAL GAME IF ONE COMPLETES HALF OR MORE OF THE GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED. IF LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF THE GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED, THE GAME MAY BE RESCHEDULED FROM THE START, OR RESTARTED FROM THE SUSPENSION OF PLAY ACCORDING TO STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTION.

- Coed Teams must have 3 girls playing on the field at all times, if not your team will play in the boys divisions. This rules 7th / 8th grade divisions. The 5th / 6th grade will have 2 girls on the field at all times, since they play 8 vs 8.
- Cancellation policy. Must give 48 hour notice.

RULES CONCERNING SPECIFICATIONS OF GAMES, (LENGTH, BALL SIZE, COACHES, REFS AND COACHES PER TEAM):

<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	<u>LENGTH OF PERIODS</u>	<u>BALL SIZE</u>	<u>REFS</u>
K-2	4-12 MIN. QUARTERS	3	**1 REF. 8 VS 8
**(One coach from each team will now be considered a linesman.)			
3-4	2- 25 MIN. HALVES	4	2 REFS* 8 VS 8 – 7 PLUS GOALIE
5-6	2-30 MIN. HALVES**	4	2 REFS* 8 VS 8 – 7 PLUS GOALIE
7-8	2-35 MIN. HALVES	5	2 REFS* 11 VS 11

***A 2-MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN QUARTERS AND A 5-MINUTE BREAK AT HALF.**

- 1) AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF ONE REFEREE AND TWO LINESMEN MAY ALSO BE USED.
- 2) IF THE WEATHER IS VERY WARM 4-15 MINUTE QUARTERS MAY BE PLAYED, IF BOTH COACHES AGREE, FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PLAYERS.
- 3) ABSOLUTELY, NO SLIDE TACKLING FROM FRONT OR BEHIND. NOT INTENTIONAL – 1ST WARNING AND THEN AUTOMATIC YELLOW CARD.

***K-2 TEAM: (1st and 2nd grade will play 8v8 on a ¾ size field**

- 1) THERE WILL BE ALLOWED 2 COACHES PER TEAM ON THE FIELD DURING THE GAMES. (ONE ON OFFENSE AND ONE ON DEFENSE).
- 2) IN THE EVENT OF AN ILLEGAL THROW-IN THE REFEREE IS ASKED TO AWARD A SECOND THROW-IN SHOWING THE PROPER EXECUTION OF SUCH. (THIS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL AGE LEVE, PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR REFS TO HELP THE PLAYERS LEARN.)
- 3) ONLY THE HEAD COACH MAY ADDRESS THE REFEREES FOR QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS.

***3-8 TEAMS:**

(3rd and 4th and 5th and 6th grade will play 8v8 on a ¾ size field YOU MUST PROVIDE SMALLER FIELD 2009

- 1) THESE TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE 1 COACH ON DEFENSE AND 1 COACH ON OFFENSE ALONG THE SIDELINES SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT INTEREFERE WITH THE OTHER TEAM.
- 2) ONLY THE HEAD COACH MAY ADDRESS THE REFEREES FOR QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS.

7-8 TEAMS

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE GAMES WILL NEED A COACHES BOX ON THE FIELD. BOTH TEAMS WILL BE ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE FIELD AND FANS WILL BE LOCATED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

- 3) SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE MADE AT HALF LINE.
- 4) A LIMIT OF 2 COACHES PER TEAM ON A SIDELINE.
- 5) SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE WILL BEGIN THEIR SEASON THE WEEK BEFORE LABOR DAY AND THEN FINISH WITH A TOURNAMENT.

NO FANS BEHIND THE TEAMS ARE PERMITTED AT ANY AGE LEVEL

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AND NOTES TO COORDINATORS:

- GAME TIME IS FIXED TIME: HOWEVER A 15 MINUTE GRACE PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED AND THIS RULE IS TO BE USED WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY.
- EITHER TEAM HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL GAMES IN BAD WEATHER, THIS SHOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
**IN CASE OF RAIN OUT, IT IS THE HOME TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY TO RESCHEDULE THE GAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! (REMEMBER THE WEATHER CAN BECOME UNPREDICTABLE AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES!!)
- IN THE EVENT OF AN UNRULY FAN, PLAYER OR IF A COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH HARASSES OR USES FOUL LANGUAGE TOWARD A REF OR PLAYER THE GAME WILL BE STOPPED, THE PERSON(S) WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES. THE GAME WILL NOT BE RESTARTED UNTIL THIS PERSON(S) LEAVES. ANY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO TRI-COUNTY